

## **Malaysia, Vietnam To Sign Air Services Agreement In May**

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LANGKAWI, March 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Vietnam will further enhance bilateral ties and create a more vibrant aviation industry with the signing of an air services agreement (ASA) in May, says Deputy Transport Minister Datuk Aziz Kaprawi.

As the ASEAN Economic Community takes shape and with the adoption of open skies policy, it was timely for both countries to take a big leap to enhance their air services which had been long overdue, he told Bernama here today.

Abdul Aziz said this after a meeting with Vietnam Vice-Minister Lee Dinh Tho on the sidelines of the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition 2015 (LIMA'15) here.

He said the Vietnamese Government wanted to include a clause on air traffic control and safety measures.

"It seems that the Vietnamese Government is very concerned. We are going to have in-depth negotiations with their officers in Vietnam very soon to thrash out the details.

"We intend to complete it before May, and the agreement will be signed by both prime ministers of Malaysia and Vietnam," said Aziz, adding that the Vietnam prime minister was scheduled to make an official visit to Malaysia in May.

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